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and functions of the United States Army Physical Disability Agency (USAPDA).

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### **1. Purpose.**

This regulation sets forth the mission and principal functions of the Commanding General, United States Army Physical Disability Agency (USAPDA). It also gives relationships with other headquarters, agencies, and Government departments.

### **2. Applicability.**

This regulation applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserve.

### **3. Mission.**

The mission of the CG, USAPDA is to—

*a.* Manage the USAPDA under the authority of the Secretary of the Army as established by chapter 61 of title 10 United States Code and implemented by DOD Directive 1332.18 and related OSD policy statements.

*b.* Develop and implement policies, procedures, and programs that apply to the Army's physical disability system.

*c.* Command and manage the Physical Evaluation Boards (PEB), subordinate elements of USAPDA.

### **4. Functions.**

The CG, USAPDA has primary responsibility for the following:

*a.* Interpret and implement physical disability policies from higher authority.

*b.* Coordinate with other military departments to ensure uniform interpretation of laws, policies and directives on the Army's physical disability evaluation system so that Army members will receive the same benefits as other Service members.

*c.* Review PEB proceedings, using the Disability Review Council (a staff element of USAPDA) to ensure that Army members are given uniform and fair consideration.

*d.* Make the final decision that a member is unfit because of physical disability (except when such findings are reserved by higher authority. Also, determine percentage ratings and disposition.

*e.* Manage assigned personnel and budget and fiscal operations of the USAPDA.

*f.* Serve as proponent of AR 635-40.

### **5. Command and staff relationships.**

*a.* The USAPDA is a field operating agency of the DCSPER.

*b.* The Director of Military Personnel Management, ODCSPER, provides staff supervision for the DCSPER on matters pertaining to the USAPDA.

*c.* The USAPDA has directorate-equivalent status within ODCSPER.

*d.* The CG, USAPDA is also the Director of the Army Council of Review Boards under the Army Military Review Boards Agency.

### **6. Channels of communications.**

The CG, USAPDA has the authority to—

*a.* Deal directly with all elements of the Department of the Army on physical disability matters.

*b.* Deal directly with DOD and other Government agencies on matters of mutual concern.

*c.* Coordinate laterally with ODCSPER directorates to reduce duplication and expedite the decision process.

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